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A method for collecting a sample derived from faecal material, for example for occult blood testing, comprises contacting the faecal material with a fluid such as water and subsequently collecting a sample of the fluid with a brush or a brush-like device having flexible or semi-flexible bristles, wherein the sample of the fluid is collected within the bristles of the brush or brush-like device.			